

VETERINARY EUTHANASIA REPORT

ROCKY HILLS HMA WILD HORSE GATHER

Friday, December 10, 2010

At 2:30 pm, 4 horses were euthanized due to the following condition(s) as stated in Instruction Memorandum No. 2009:

“A Bureau of Land Management (BLM) authorized officer will euthanize or authorize the euthanasia of a wild horse or burro when any of the following conditions exist:

“Is affected by a chronic or incurable disease, injury, lameness or serious physical defect (includes severe tooth loss or wear, club foot, and other severe acquired or congenital abnormalities).”

1. Black female approximately 4 years of age, Henneke Body Condition Score (BCS) 3, malodorous vaginal discharge, continual urine leakage, umbilical hernia and rectovaginal fistula noted upon examination. Post-mortem exam revealed severe rectovaginal fistula with chronic vaginitis, peritonitis, septicemia, and severe internal parasite burden.
2. Black female approximately 3 years of age, BCS 3, bilateral structural deformity of hocks, walking on lateral left hind foot, abnormal placement of hindlimbs when moving (congenital deformity). No gastrointestinal abnormalities noted on post-mortem exam.

In addition to the condition(s) mentioned above, the following two horses also fulfill the following condition(s):

“Is incapable of maintaining a Henneke body condition score greater than or equal to 3 in its present environment.”

3. Black male w/gray/white markings, approximately 20+ years of age, BCS 2, poor condition w/dental erosion due to age. Post-mortem exam revealed light internal parasite burden, no further gastrointestinal abnormalities noted.
4. Gray male approximately 30+ years of age, “5” brand on left hip, BCS 2, poor condition w/tooth loss due to age. Post-mortem exam revealed no gastrointestinal abnormalities, severe dental erosion and tooth loss.